

Call for Expressions of Interest and Proposal

VN#002 – National consultant to support malaria elimination

1. Background:

The malaria burden in Viet Nam has significantly declined in recent years, with substantial progress made towards the national malaria elimination goals. The number of reported malaria cases decreased from 16,612 in 2011 to 353 in 2024, while malaria-related mortality fell from 14 deaths in 2011 to just 1 in 2024. By the end of 2025, 26 out of 34 provinces had been verified as having no locally transmitted malaria cases for three or more consecutive years.

Recently, an administrative restructuring was conducted in the country and by which the number of provinces has been reduced from 63 to 34, the number of communes has been consolidated from approximately 11,000 to 3,321, and the district administrative level has been removed, leaving only two levels of governance: provincial and communal. This restructuring has also led to changes in leadership and health staff within provincial CDCs and commune-level health services, which may have implications for the implementation of public health programmes.

Although malaria cases in Viet Nam continue to decline and the country is nearing its elimination target, sustained and focused efforts are required to achieve the final milestones. In the current context, strengthening malaria surveillance and response systems to further reduce indigenous cases, while investing in measures to prevent the re-establishment of malaria transmission, remain high priorities for Viet Nam.

2. Work to be performed

Under the technical supervision of the NPO (NOC), the national consultant will provide WHO's technical advice and guidance, based on international best practice, to NIMPE, IMPEs, and provincial CDCs to support the effective implementation of malaria elimination activities. The scope of work will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Provide technical guidance to NIMPE, IMPEs, and provincial CDCs in planning, implementing, and monitoring malaria elimination activities.
- Support capacity building for provincial and commune-level health staff, by sharing and contextualizing WHO's norms and standards and providing technical guidance, particularly in malaria surveillance, case investigation, and response.
- Strengthen data collection, reporting, and analysis systems at provincial and commune levels to ensure accuracy, timeliness, and completeness, by sharing WHO norms, standards and providing technical expertise.
- Support the integration of updated reporting mechanisms in line with the new administrative structure, through adapting WHO's norms, standards and providing technical expertise.
- Facilitate communication between WHO, NIMPE, IMPEs, and provincial CDCs to ensure smooth programme implementation.
- Attend and contribute to technical and coordination meetings as required.
- Support NPO in monitoring of programme performance and progress towards malaria elimination targets.
- Provide technical input into reviews, reports, and recommendations for programme improvement.
- Conduct other activities as required.

3. Method(s) to carry out the activity

The national consultant will work directly with NIMPE and IMPEs under supervision of WHO technical staff to undertake the required tasks.

4. Deliverables

- Monthly Progress Reports summarizing technical support provided, key activities conducted, challenges encountered, and recommendations for follow-up.
- End-of-Assignment Technical Report summarizing achievements, lessons learned, and recommendations for sustaining malaria elimination efforts.

5. Planned timeline:

From 23 February to 31 December 2026 (subject to confirmation)

6. Specific requirements

- a) Qualifications required:
 - Must have advanced university degree in public health, epidemiology or related from a recognized university.
 - Desirable: Training on entomology, vector control, epidemiology, disease surveillance in the field of malaria control and elimination.
- b) Experience required:
 - Minimum 10 years of work experience in the field of public health, epidemiology or related areas.
 - Demonstrated experiences in implementation of national malaria programme
 - Desirable: Previous work experience on malaria prevention and control in Viet Nam. Work experiences with WHO or other international agencies.
- c) Skills / Technical skills and knowledge:
 - Strong knowledge on Malaria prevention and control.
 - Ability to work independently and take initiative.
 - Good interpersonal skills with the ability to work well with, and positively relate to, people at all levels and from diverse cultural and educational backgrounds and orientations and maintain a high standard of personal conduct.
 - Ability to work independently under pressure and to deliver high-quality work on time
 - Able to travel to provinces when required during the contract period.
- d) Language requirements: Vietnamese native speaker with basic English speaking and writing.
- e) Competencies
 - Fostering integration and teamwork
 - Communicating in a credible and effective way
 - Producing results
 - Building and promoting partnerships across the organization and beyond.

7. Place of assignment

The position will be based in Hanoi, Viet Nam with required field visits to selected provinces.

Candidates who are interested can contact our focal person before/by **4 February 2026**

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